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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 18, 2003, Applicant elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-19. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant also elects the species identified by the Examiner as corresponding to Figures 3-15. Claims 1-7, 11 and 15-19 are readable on the elected species. The election of species made herein does not limit the applicability of the present claims to cover species other than that elected.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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